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PATENT
Docket No. GC593

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

Dyson et al.)

Serial No.: 09/435,461)

Filed: November 5, 1999)

For: ENZYMES USEFUL FOR CHANGING
THE PROPERTIES OF POLYESTER)

Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: Michael V. Meller

AMENDMENTCommissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2001, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendment and remarks. A petition for a one month extension of time until February 10, 2002, and fee authorization is attached hereto.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the abstract of the disclosure with the attached clean copy of the amended abstract. A marked-up version of the abstract is provided herein on a separate sheet.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 21, and 23 with the following clean copy of said amended claims. A marked-up version of the amended claims is provided herein on a separate sheet. Please cancel claims 5 and 17.

1.(Three Times Amended) A method for modifying the surface of an aromatic polyester resin, film, fiber, yarn or fabric comprising treating said polyester with a polyesterase

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